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SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR CONNEALY: It was \$22,000 last year.

SENATOR BEUTLER: As I look through the names here, they...they appear to be 3 or 4...3 or 4 counties out of the 93 so far. Is that basically accurate?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes, but I think it's growing. I think the number of counties that are applying for this, or county attorneys, will grow and is growing.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so we have \$14,000 of claims from 3 or 4 counties. Can county attorneys...okay, can county attorneys in Douglas and Lancaster County also file these claims?

SENATOR CONNEALY: They have not. They've said that it's not a large task for them and so they have, to this point, have not claimed it, but under the court case Winter v. the Department of Motor Vehicles, I think that they do have the ability to claim these expenses. It doesn't go into the county attorneys' budget, per se. It goes into their own personal...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah.

SENATOR CONNEALY: ...funds.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, that's another aspect of it that I...that I want to talk about a little bit. But this...this isn't reimbursing the county offices. This is reimbursing the county attorneys individually. Is that correct?

SENATOR CONNEALY: That's correct. The court case said that it was not a duty of...under the county attorneys' duties. It was a duty of the Department of Motor Vehicles because we assigned them the right to pull someone's license. But, with that right, there's also an appeal process and I believe that it probably...it should stay with the state and the state should play (sic--pay) it. So we...we do owe these claims but I think that probably we ought to have it under some state agency, the Department of Motor Vehicles or the Attorney General's Office,